



May 3, 2011

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: United States Cellular Corporation
Docket No. GN 09-51
Docket No. WC 05-25
Docket No. RM 11592
Docket No. ET 10-236
Docket No. WT 11-65
Docket No. WC 05-337
Docket No. CC 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral ex parte presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceedings. On May 2, 2011, Mary Dillon, President and CEO of U.S. Cellular along with the undersigned, met with FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski; Chief of Staff Ed Lazarus; Chief Counsel and Senior Legal Advisor Rick Kaplan; OSPFA Chief Paul de Sa; and Senior Counselor Josh Gottheimer.

During the course of that discussion, U.S. Cellular:

- Discussed the findings of a recent consumer survey regarding incentive auctions for wireless spectrum. An outline of that discussion is enclosed.
- Discussed the fact that it intends to deploy 4G services in selected markets by the end of 2011 and as part of that discussion, urged the Commission to address issues of handset interoperability across the 700 MHz spectrum in order to facilitate the nationwide deployment of a cohesive 4G network.
- Raised issues regarding the pending acquisition of T-Mobile by AT&T including its potential impact on market consolidation, roaming, special access pricing, handset interoperability and availability, as well as spectrum

consolidation. U.S. Cellular urged the Commission, in conjunction with the Department of Justice, to conduct a thorough review of the proposed transaction.

- Stated its strong opposition to the adoption of reverse auctions as a mechanism for distributing high cost funds under the Universal Service Program. U.S. Cellular instead stated its support for the use of a forward looking cost model for the distribution of support under the proposed Connect America Fund. Such support would be targeted to specific geographic areas and would be portable amongst all ETCs serving the area. This would have the benefit of continuing competition among providers in the marketplace and would be consistent with the pro-competitive aspects of the 96 Act. U.S. Cellular expressed its opposition to the proposed five-year phasedown of existing CETC support and argued consistent with proposals in the National Broadband Plan for a 10 year phasedown or in the alternative for a more graduated and back-loaded phasedown over a 7 to 10 year period. U.S. Cellular also reiterated its position that, given the USF program's statutory grounding under Title II of the Communications Act, any carrier seeking to draw universal service support under the Connect America Fund or the Mobility Fund, must adhere to all applicable provisions of Title II.

Sincerely,

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